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Summary of Qualifications and Requirements for  
INDEPENDENT NOMINATION  
for the Office of  
**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**  
(53 Districts)

**November 7, 2006 General Election**

**I. QUALIFICATIONS**

- A. Every candidate shall be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for seven years, and a resident of California when elected. U.S. Const. Art. I, §2
- B. There are no district residency requirements for Members of Congress.
- C. Disqualifications

A candidate is ineligible for nomination as an independent candidate if:

- 1. A nomination paper was filed on the candidate's behalf as a partisan candidate or a write-in candidate at the June 6, 2006 Primary Election for any office, and the candidate was defeated for the party nomination at the primary election.
- 2. At any time during the 13 months preceding the General Election, the candidate was registered as affiliated with any qualified political party. The last day a candidate may be affiliated with a qualified party is October 7, 2005 if desiring to run under the independent nomination procedures in the 2006 General Election. §8550(f)1

For purposes of Section 8550, the seven qualified political parties are: American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, and Republican.

**II. REQUIREMENTS**

**A. FILING FEE**

**Full Payment of Filing Fee**

Candidates must pay a filing fee equal to 1% of the first year's salary. Currently, the

filing fee for United States Representative in Congress is \$1621.00. The filing fee must be paid at the time the candidate obtains the nomination forms from the county elections official. §§8103 & 8105

Signatures in Lieu

Candidates may elect to submit a minimum of 3,000 valid signatures on petitions in lieu of filing fee by July 27, 2006. §8106

1. Between April 28 and July 27, 2006, the petitions for in-lieu signatures may be obtained from the county elections official and circulated. Sections of petitions in lieu of filing fee shall be filed with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. §§8106
2. The candidate may submit signatures to cover all or any prorated portion of the filing fee. §8106(b)(3)
3. Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-of-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. §8106(b)(1)
4. Each circulator of an in-lieu-of-filing-fee petition shall be a registered voter of the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is running. The circulator shall serve within the county in which he or she resides. §8106 (b)(4)
5. Within 10 days after receipt of the petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, prior to the close of the nomination period (August 11, 2006), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency. §8106 (b)(3)
6. Signatures in lieu of the filing fee may be counted toward the nomination sponsor signature requirements. §§8106(d) & 8405

B. NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

1. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, obtain nomination documents from the county elections official. Nomination documents include a set of nomination papers for collecting signatures and a declaration of candidacy that must be executed by the candidate. §§333 & 8403
  - a. Upon request of a candidate, the county elections official shall provide the candidate with nomination documents. The county elections official shall not require a candidate to sign, file or sign and file a declaration of candidacy as a condition of receiving nomination papers. §8020(d)
  - b. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, circulate nomination papers for signatures and leave them for examination with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. §8403

## 2. Nomination Signatures

Signatures in lieu of the filing fee may be counted toward the nomination sponsor signature requirements. §§8106(d) & 8405

- a. The nomination papers must be signed by at least 3% of the registered voters of the Congressional District as of the last registration report prior to the preceding general election. See Attachment 1 for the required number of signatures for each congressional district, based on the October 2004 Report of Registration. §8400
- b. Signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is running. §§100 & 8068
- c. Any registered voter who is a candidate may obtain signatures to and sign his or her own nomination papers. §106(a)
- d. The candidate may appoint persons to circulate the nomination papers. Circulators shall be voters registered in California and shall serve only in their district or political subdivision. §8451
- e. By August 11, 2006, the nomination paper shall be delivered to the county elections official of the county in which the signer resides and is a voter. §§8063 & 8403

## 3. Declaration Of Candidacy

Failure to file the declaration of candidacy properly will prevent the candidate's name from appearing on the ballot.

- a. The declaration of candidacy shall be obtained from, and delivered to, the county elections official of the county in which the candidate resides and is a voter. §8064
- b. The county elections official shall require all candidates filing a declaration of candidacy to execute the declaration in his or her office unless the candidate, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designates a third party to obtain the declaration form from the county elections official and to deliver it to the candidate. The written statement shall state that the candidate is aware that the declaration of candidacy must be properly executed and delivered not later than August 11, 2006 to the office of the county elections official from whom it was received. Any person may return the completed declaration of candidacy. §8028
- c. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, file with the county elections official a declaration of candidacy which states the following:

- 1) The candidate's complete residence address;
  - 2) That the candidate is a voter in the precinct in which he or she resides;
  - 3) The name of the office sought;
  - 4) That he or she will not withdraw as a candidate before the election;
  - 5) That if elected, he or she will qualify for the office;
  - 6) That at no time since October 7, 2005 has the candidate been registered in California as affiliated with a qualified political party (American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, or Republican).
- §8550

### III. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Each of the forms mentioned above is available free of charge from the county elections official.
- B. The California apportionment of the House of Representatives has a membership of 53 Representatives, elected for two-year terms. The term of office begins on January 3, 2007.
- C. Because of the requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act, As Amended, a congressional candidate should contact the Federal Election Commission at 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463 or call toll-free (800) 424-9530 for a copy of the Act, related regulations giving the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions, and the forms on which to file.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This Information Sheet of Qualifications and Requirements is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. The candidate should obtain the most up-to-date information available because of possible changes in law or procedure since the publication of this information.

Independent Candidates for Congress  
Number of Signatures Required to Place  
Candidate on November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot

Congressional District	Oct. 2004 Voter Reg.	Required Signatures*	Congressional District	Oct. 2004 Voter Reg.	Required Signatures*
1	372,974	11,190	27	279,946	8,399
2	361,592	10,848	28	228,259	6,848
3	387,067	11,613	29	298,341	8,951
4	432,934	12,989	30	399,940	11,999
5	299,882	8,997	31	168,627	5,059
6	363,217	10,897	32	224,399	6,732
7	292,354	8,771	33	271,888	8,157
8	398,668	11,961	34	174,337	5,231
9	360,718	10,822	35	231,500	6,945
10	359,728	10,792	36	321,733	9,652
11	362,299	10,869	37	252,016	7,651
12	350,556	10,517	38	229,703	6,892
13	285,154	8,555	39	237,602	7,129
14	367,920	11,038	40	320,386	9,612
15	329,958	9,899	41	325,591	9,768
16	293,947	8,819	42	348,708	10,462
17	284,276	8,529	43	214,166	6,425
18	278,874	8,367	44	321,075	9,633
19	332,522	9,976	45	328,047	9,842
20	203,736	6,113	46	394,064	11,822
21	279,779	8,394	47	187,846	5,636
22	343,797	10,314	48	410,431	12,313
23	331,374	9,942	49	314,851	9,446
24	366,241	10,988	50	384,844	11,546
25	310,682	9,321	51	282,473	8,475
26	342,810	10,285	52	371,663	11,150
			53	341,778	11,254

\*Independent candidates for Congress need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district.